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SUBJECT: JAPAN FOCUSES ON LONG-RANGE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES:

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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES EMBASSY AIRGRAM (REF. B) REPORTING IN DETAIL GOJ CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES TO MONITOR AND STABILIZE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIERS.

2. ALTHOUGH 1974 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF DECLINING DEMAND, FALLING PRICES, AND GROWING INVENTORIES FOR MOST INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS IN JAPAN, BOTH THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE BEGUN TO ESTABLISH MACHINERY TO STUDY THE LONGER TERM POTENTIAL FOR SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN MINERALS AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS. ON THE ADVICE OF A STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE STOCK-PILING OF NON-FERROUS METALS, MITI REQUESTED A JAPAN FY1975 (BEGINS APRIL 1975) BUDGETARY APPROPRIATION OF \$147 MILLION TO BEGIN STOCKPILING EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF COPPER, NICKEL, CHROMIUM, AND TUNGSTEIN. IN OCTOBER 1974 A PUBLIC CORPORATION CONTROLLED BY THE FORESTRY AGENCY BEGAN WITH A SMALL BUDGET (\$1 MILLION) TO STOCKPILE PLYWOOD AND LUMBER.
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